STATEMENT- III

Number of Buildings being Constructed /at completion stage for Post Offices in Kerala, Gujarat and Rajasthan distric-wise

	District	Number of building under construction/at completion stage
	Kerala	
1.	Trivandrum	7
2.	Quilon	2
3.	Pathanamthitta	1
4.	Alleppey	2
5.	Idukki	1
6.	Ernakulam	1
7.	Trichur	1
8.	Calicut	2
9.	Malappuram	1
10.	Cannanore	4
11.	Kasaragod	1
	Total :	23
	Gujarat	
1.	Ahmedabad	1
2.	Gandhinagar	2
3.	Sabarkantha	1
4.	Khoda	1
5.	Valsad	2
	Total :	7
	Rajasthan	
1.	Alwar	3
2.	Sirohi	1
	Total	4

STATEMENT - IV

Department of Telecommunications: District-wise Number of Buildings for Telegraph Offices proposed to be constructed during the 8th Plan

Name of the Circle	Districts	No. of Buildings
Kerala	Trichur	1
	Tellicherry	1
	Ernakulam	1
Gujarat	Nil	-
Rajasthan	Jaipur	

In Rajasthan, buildings exclusively constructed for the purposes of Telegraph Offices for the remaining part of the 8th Plan is nil. However, as per a policy decision, Telegraph Offices, as required, may be considered to be provided in the building under construction/to be constructed for administrative/Telephone Exchange purposes.

Productivity Linked Wage Settlement between ITDC and Employees

3440. SHRI E. AHAMAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) has arrived at a major productivity linked wage settlement with its employees recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of employees benefited due to this settlement; and

(d) the details of the India Tourism Development Corporation's turnover for the year 1995-1996?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b). A Wage Settlement has been arrived at on 31 July, 1996 between the ITDC management and its employees for a period of five years effective from 1.1.1992 to 31.12.1996 in respect of Hotel & Catering units and Headquarters non-executive employees working on IDA pay pattern. This wage settlement is not productivity linked but a normal wage settlement as per the guidelines of the Department of Public Enterprises. In terms of the settlement, the pay scales of employees would be revised giving the fixation benefit of 20% of basic pay. Besides applicable fixed DA and variation DA, these employees will get House Rent Allowance and City Compensatory Allowance on revised basic pay w.e.f. 1.4.1994. Further the employees would also be benefited with the up-

ward revision of other allowances and parks from the date of settlement.

(c) The total number of employees who will be benefited is about 6120.

(d) ITDC's turnover for the year 1995-96 was Rs. 298.05 crores.

[Translation]

Schemes to Improve Postal Services

3441. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any comprehensive Scheme to streamline the Postal services during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target fixed and achievements made under the scheme during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b). Programmes of development through the respective Annual Plans of the department are aimed at improving and streamlining the postal services, and Annual Plans for 1995-96 and 1996-97 also contained such programmes as indicated below:

1. Introduction of computer based multi purpose counter machines;
2. Automatisation of mail processing large nodal centres;
3. Setting up of Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) Network for speedy transmission of money orders and provision of other value added services;
4. Use of computers for Savings Bank, Postal Life Insurance and Speed Post operations;
5. Modernisation of the counter services and the front office activities in selected important post offices;
6. Provision of upgraded operational equipment in more important Post Offices to modernize work process;
7. Expansion of Postal Network.

(c) The physical targets and achievements in respect of these schemes for the year 1995-96 and targets for the current Annual Plan 1996-97 are as below:

	Scheme	Targets 1995-96	Achievements as on 31-03-1996	Targets 1996-97
1.	**Upgradation of Technology :**			
a.	Multi purpose counter machines	1000	550	1500
b.	Modernisation of Post Offices	350	366	380
c.	Automated integrated Mail Processing System	1	1	-
d.	Satellitc Money Order Service	Completion of Phase I (75 VSATs)	61	14
e.	Savings Bank			
	(i) Local Area Network (LAN)	100	45 LAN equipment installed	200
	(ii) Savings Bank Control Organisation	60	105	100
f.	Postal Life Insurance			
	(i) Computerisation of PLI work in Circles	3	3	-